

**ID Guideline Development Process Conference Call  
Minutes for Executive Committee Meeting # 6**

**February 8, 2001  
WCC Conference Room  
300 Desmond Drive  
Lacey, WA**

**1. Welcome/Approval of October 2000 Meeting Summary**

Paula went through the draft agenda and outlined today's meeting plans. The group approved the draft October ID Executive Committee meeting summary. This will be added to the web site.

**2. Discussion – “Draft Guidelines for Preparation of Comprehensive Irrigation District Management Plans”**

Tom stated that the guidelines were finished about two weeks ago. The Executive Committee agreed that the CIDMP looks acceptable to go into public comment.

Bill R. will identify concerns during the comment period and will also work with Paula and Linda to do some one-on-ones with environmental organizations. Bill R. is planning to get a meeting together with National Wildlife federation to discuss concerns about the complexity of interaction with various regulatory processes and the public involvement process.

Jim P. stated that the Colville Tribe Council would continue to review the document. The tribes support the building of the document and AFW in general. They believe the document is a good educational tool. However the tribes have concern that the document lacks assurances to other stakeholders, including themselves.

Timeframes for phase one (plan development) of the CIDMP were discussed. The group agreed that the timeframe would vary depending on the district. David H. mentioned that NMFS does not give out timeframes as they relate to the planning process.

**Action Item:** Tom will craft a list of ID projects that are already working on CIDMP projects.

**3. Informal Public Review Process**

Activities/Timeframes

Paula reviewed the timeline of activities regarding the CIDMP document. She is looking for a few more panelists for the workshops. Comments will be reviewed after they are received and a responsive summary document will be produced by the end of April and sent to the EC and all those who submitted comments. Based on comments received, the Group agreed that once the CIDMP is edited and taken to EC, it should be available sometime by mid-May in it's final format. Workshops – it is expected that panelists will meet ahead of time to discuss topics addressed at workshops. The timeline was agreed-to by the committee.

#### Addressing Comments Received –

The group discussed creating an outline of expected comments. There was a discussion of how the comments are to be addressed.

**Action Items: Paula** will develop a cover letter for the tribes to be included in their packet.

#### **4. Next Steps**

##### Pilot Projects -

Tom M. shared the names of the districts he feels will be the most interested in participating in pilot projects.

##### Legislative Funding Requests –

The Governor's budget contains five hundred thousand dollars to continue supporting the AFW process. Curt suggested that Tom M. put a budget together describing pilot projects and costs for OFM.

**Action Items: Linda and Tom** will work on developing a pilot project budget.

##### Scheduling next Executive Committee meeting –

The group tentatively set the next meeting for the afternoon of April 16<sup>th</sup> and all day April 17<sup>th</sup>, in Ellensburg.

#### **5. Other Business**

Linda mentioned that Phil is retiring and he will be missed. He has done an incredible job, and has made this process happen. Thank you, Phil. Phil was appreciative – will be in Olympia if anyone wants to join him for a farewell get together.

#### **Handouts:**

- Agenda
- CIDMP draft document
- Colville Tribes' comments on CIDMP draft

#### **Meeting Attendees:**

Briscoe, Lynn	WSDA
Bush, Jodi	USFWS
Crerar, Linda	WSDA
Eaton, Tom	EPA
Erickson, Dick	East Columbia Basin Irrigation District
Evans, Dan	GTH
Gray, Bill	US BOR
Halupka, Karl	USFWS
Hirsch, David	NMFS
Leib, Brian	WSU
Mankowski, John	WDF&W

Millam, Phil	EPA
Priest, Jim	Colvilles Confederated Tribes
Robinson, Bill	Trout Unlimited
Smitch, Curt	Governor's Office
Smith, Paula	WCC
Smith, Rick	Wenatchee Reclamation District
Van Meter, Jerry	USFWS
Wahbeh, Hibba	WCC
Wallace, Dick	Ecology